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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PORG, UN
SUBJECT: PRE-UNGA CONSULTATION WITH NIGERIA

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 5 I DISCUSSED ALL SUBJECTS IN REFTTEL EXCEPT FOR THOSE IN "IF ASKED" CATEGORY WITH AMBASSADOR SANU, HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, AND LEFT BEHIND WRITTEN COMMENTS ON EACH. SANU EXPRESSED APPRECIATION BUT MADE NO COMMENTS OF INTEREST BEYOND THOSE NOTED BELOW. IN HIS SHORT TIME BACK HERE HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED PRIMARILY WITH THE ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE AND I DO NOT BELIEVE HE HAS PAID MUCH ATTENTION AS YET TO THE FORTHCOMING GA. MOREOVER HE IS A CAUTIOUS INDIVIDUAL AND CLEARLY WAS ANXIOUS NOT TO EXPRESS ANY VIEW WHICH MIGHT BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE LATER POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT, THE G-77, OR THE NON-ALIGNED. I ASSURED HIM THAT I WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE GA AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 18. HE WILL ONLY BE THERE FOR PART OF THE SESSION.

2. ON THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, SANU AGREED THAT THE RESUMED 31ST GA SHOULD ONLY REVIEW THE RECENT RECORD AND THAT DISCUSSION
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OF THE FUTURE METHODS OF PURSUING THE DIALOGUE SHOULD BE LEFT FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE II IN THE 32ND GA. HE ALSO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE SENSELESS TO EMPHASIZE BASIC HUMAN

NEEDS WITHOUT PROMOTING
THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND
PRODUCTIVITY, SINCE YOU COULDN'T OTHERWISE IMPROVE THE SITUATION

WITH REGARD TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. HE COMMENTED, THOUGH, THAT THESE ARE MATTERS WHICH EACH COUNTRY SHOULD DECIDE FOR ITSELF.

3. WITH REGARD TO A HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, HE CITED THE SUBSTANCE OF SOVIET OBJECTIONS IN A TONE WHICH SUGGESTED THAT NIGERIA MIGHT ENDORSE THEM.

4. SANU COMMENTED THAT THE QUESTION OF UN SALARIES IS CONSIDERABLY MORE COMPLICATED THAN THE FEW POINTS I HAD MENTIONED, AND HE SOUNDED UNSYMPATHETIC TO OUR POSITION ON THIS.

5. ON UN RESTRUCTURING, SANU SAID "GOOD" WHEN I MENTIONED THAT THE US IS READY TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ANY SPECIFIC CHARTER AMENDMENTS THAT EMERGE AND SEEM LIKELY TO ATTRACT THE NECESSARY SUPPORT.

6. ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS, HE COMMENTED THAT COMMITTEE I ALWAYS REACTS FAVORABLY TO JOINT US-SOVIET INITIATIVES IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD.

7. ON THE LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS, SANU COMMENTED THAT "THIS IS A TICKLISH QUESTION FOR US" AND THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT WESTERN GOVERNMENTS COULD CONTROL THEIR ARMS EXPORTERS IN ANY EVENT. HE GAVE A DISTINCT IMPRESSION OF A LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR LIMITATION
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